

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior claim listings:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An information processing method in an information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and a user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the method comprising the steps of:

storing personal information of the user;

receiving a request to perform a transaction with one of the plurality of service provider devices from a terminal device operated by the user;

identifying a manner in which the personal information will be used by one of the plurality of service provider devices;

identifying one or more items requested by one of the plurality of service provider devices from the stored personal information; and

sending the manner or the one or more items requested by one of the plurality of service provider devices to the terminal device to be displayed at the terminal device,

~~The information processing method of claim 17, wherein the step of displaying further includes displaying a~~ wherein the terminal device displays at least one button usable for determining whether to provide the one or more items to one of the plurality of service provider devices ~~or not.~~

23. (Currently Amended) The information processing method of claim 22, wherein the at least one button includes a positive(yes) button of provision of personal information and a negative(no) button of prohibition of personal information.

24-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for processing information between a plurality of service providers and a user, wherein each of the plurality of service providers has a corresponding service provider device, the information processing apparatus comprising:

means for storing personal information of the user;

means for receiving a request to perform a transaction with one of the plurality of service provider devices from a terminal device operated by the user;

means for identifying a manner in which the personal information will be used by one of the plurality of service provider devices;

means for identifying one or more items requested by one of the plurality of service provider devices from the stored personal information;

means for sending the manner or the one or more items requested by one of the plurality of service provider devices to the terminal device to be displayed at the terminal device; and

~~The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising a~~ at least one button usable for determining whether to provide the one or more items to one of the plurality of service provider devices.

32. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 31, wherein the at least one button comprises a positive button of provision of personal information and a negative button of prohibition of personal information.

33-46. (Cancelled)